

# HOUSE BILL 1553

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By: **Delegate Stull**

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Introduced and read first time: March 15, 2010

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture – Honey – Standards**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt regulations to  
4 establish certain standards for products sold as honey; requiring the State  
5 standards for products sold as honey to be consistent with a certain standard for  
6 honey under the Codex Alimentarius of the Food and Agriculture Organization  
7 of the United Nations and the World Health Organization; defining a certain  
8 term; and generally relating to standards for products sold as honey.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Agriculture

11 Section 10–1701 and 10–1702 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17.  
12 Products Sold as Honey”

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Agriculture**

18 **SUBTITLE 17. PRODUCTS SOLD AS HONEY.**

19 **10–1701.**

20 **IN THIS SUBTITLE, “HONEY” MEANS THE NATURAL SWEET SUBSTANCE**  
21 **PRODUCED BY HONEYBEES FROM:**

22 **(1) THE NECTAR OF PLANTS; OR**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(2) SECRETIONS OF LIVING PARTS OF PLANTS THAT THE BEES**  
2 **COLLECT, TRANSFORM BY COMBINING WITH SPECIFIC SUBSTANCES OF THEIR**  
3 **OWN, DEPOSIT, DEHYDRATE, STORE, AND LEAVE IN THE HONEYCOMB TO RIPEN**  
4 **AND MATURE.**

5 **10-1702.**

6           **(A) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT**  
7 **SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR PRODUCTS SOLD**  
8 **AS HONEY.**

9           **(B) THE STANDARDS ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**  
10 **SECTION FOR PRODUCTS SOLD AS HONEY SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH THE**  
11 **STANDARD FOR HONEY UNDER THE CODEX ALIMENTARIUS OF THE FOOD AND**  
12 **AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE WORLD**  
13 **HEALTH ORGANIZATION, NUMBER 12-1981, AS AMENDED.**

14           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
15 October 1, 2010.